

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of
Friday, March 21, 2014

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present were Chairperson Montgomery, Commissioner Callisto (telephonically), and Commissioner Nowak.

Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meeting of Friday, March 14, 2014.

4220-EA-134 - Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin, for Authority to Abandon Certain Transmission Facilities in the Town of Loyal, Clark County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

5510-CE-104 - Application of the Village of Slinger, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Construct a 6,600 Foot, 25 kV Underground Three-Phase Circuit to Complete the American Eagle Loop in Polk Township, Washington County

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

5780-CW-105 - Application of Sturgeon Bay Utilities, Door County, Wisconsin, to Construct an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) System

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

4160-TI-102 - Application of Niagara Telephone Company for a Telecommunications Utility Certificate of Authority

4160-TA-100 - Application of Niagara Telephone Company to Abandon Service

4160-TI-103 - Application of Niagara Telephone Company for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

1330-EI-100 - Application of Consolidated Water Power Company for Approvals Associated with the Acquisition of its Corporate Parent, NewPage Corporation, by Verso Paper Corporation

The Commission approved the application filed on behalf of Consolidated Water Power Company for approvals associated with the acquisition of NewPage Holdings, Inc., by Verso Paper Corporation, subject to conditions.

Further, the Commission did not agree to the extension of the holding company exemption to the entire Verso holding company system.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

4220-AU-137 - Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin for Approval of an Administrative Services Agreement with Northern States Power Company-Minnesota

The Commission modified and approved the Administrative Services Agreement (ASA) between Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin and Northern States Power Company-Minnesota, subject to the following:

1. An order point shall be added to the ASA prohibiting the provision of any goods and services under the ASA if they could have been provided under the ASAs approved in dockets 4220-AU-125 and 4220-AU-127.
2. A five-year sunset from the date of the Final Decision shall be added to the ASA, with an optional five-year renewal period.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

5110-CC-151532 - Formal Review Complaint of Mary Hofland Against River Falls Municipal Utility

The Commission determined that Ms. Mary Hofland's request for a formal review of her complaint against the River Falls Municipal Utility, relating to a \$1,817.92 back bill for electric charges that accrued due to switched meters at her property, is without merit.

The Commission directed the Division of Water, Compliance and Consumer Affairs to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

CLOSED SESSION – The Commission recessed the open meeting, went into closed session under Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) to discuss the litigation matters noted below with legal counsel, and reconvened the open meeting pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(2).

Commissioner Callisto moved, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g), that the Commission convene in closed session to discuss the litigation matters listed below. Commissioner Nowak seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the Commission went into closed session.

After a discussion in closed session, the Commission reconvened in open session.

FERC Docket ER14-1242-000 – Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., System Support Resources Agreement with Wisconsin Electric Power Company

FERC Docket ER14-1243-000 – Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Allocation of SSR Costs Associated with the Presque Isle Units 5-9, MISO Rate Schedule

Status Update by Legal Counsel and Other Related Administrative Matters

During the discussion held in closed session, information was presented to the Commission regarding the above litigation matters. No motion was made with respect to these items.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Sandra J. Paske
Secretary to the Commission

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